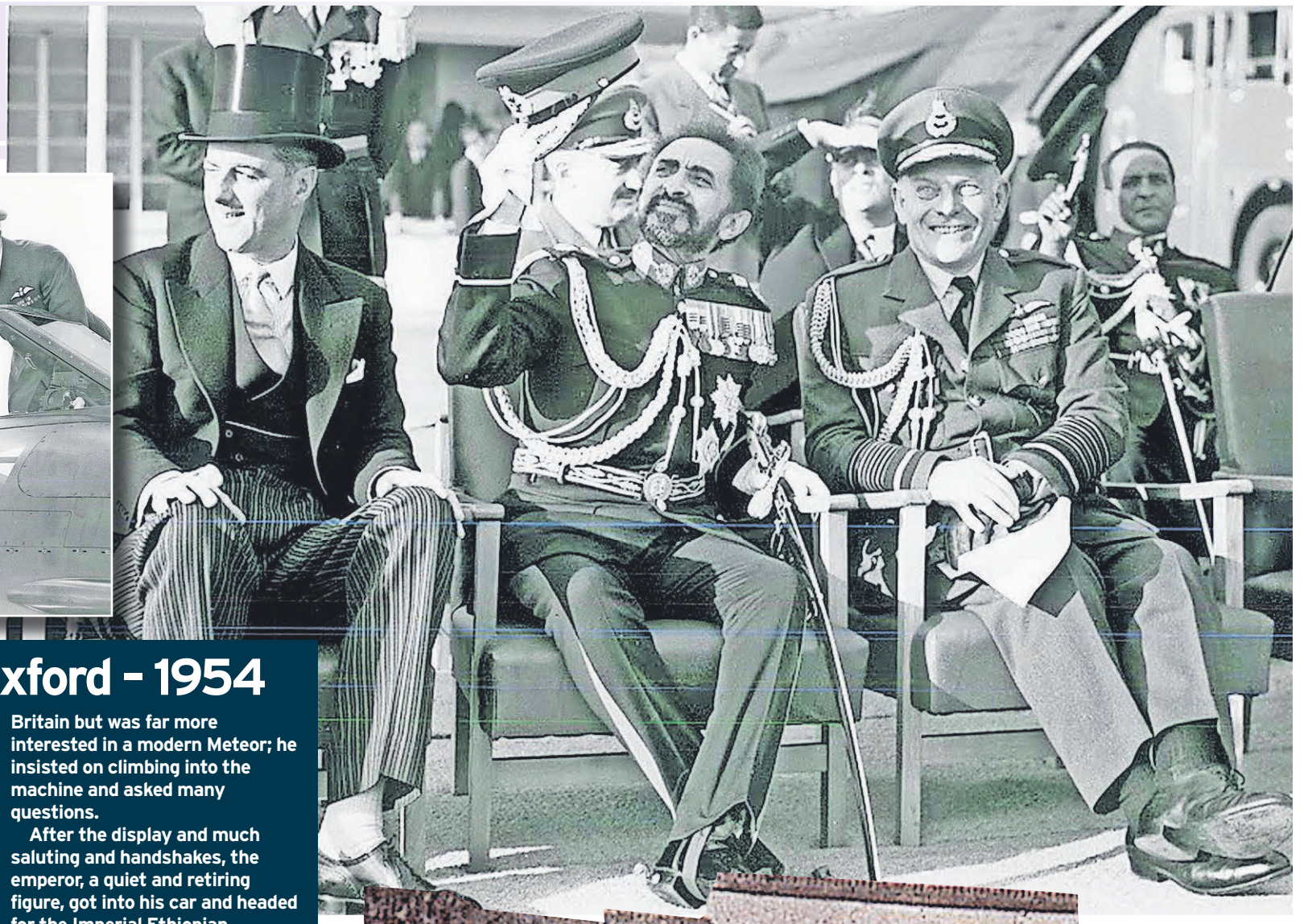


Selassie at Duxford – 1954

THE Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, watched excitedly as a Hunter aircraft did a 705-mph speed run 50 feet above him at Duxford.

Without a word, the phantom-like plane dived over the emperor, and then came its booming report which clearly startled him.

Earlier, he had inspected a Spitfire used in the Battle of Britain but was far more interested in a modern Meteor; he insisted on climbing into the machine and asked many questions.

After the display and much saluting and handshakes, the emperor, a quiet and retiring figure, got into his car and headed for the Imperial Ethiopian Embassy.

Synagogue opens – 1937

The Cambridge Hebrew Congregation's new synagogue in Thompson's Lane was consecrated by the Very Rev Chief Rabbi of the British Empire.

The Jewish religioun was to be found in Cambridge before the Middle Ages and the stone walls of the medieval synagogue were said to be still standing.

Cambridge University was the first seat of higher learning in the modern world to have given Jewish studies academic recognition.

Arthur Cohen was the first Jewish scholar to take up residence at Magdalene College in the early 1850s after representation had been made to the Prince Consort, the then Chancellor, by Sir Moses Montefiore.

Reg at the new Rendezvous – 1935

The new Rendezvous cinema and ballroom was opened with a recital by Reginald Dixon, the famous Blackpool organist.

It is the latest in modern styles with new plush 'tip-ups' accommodating 1,100 people, the latest Penum heating and ventilation and the Compton organ.

Film star Charles (Buddy) Rogers said it was as beautiful as any he had seen in the United States.

The show was late starting as guests were unable to get through the congestion in the street outside.

Afterwards, a private reception and dance was held in the new ballroom which has also been redecorated and refurnished throughout.

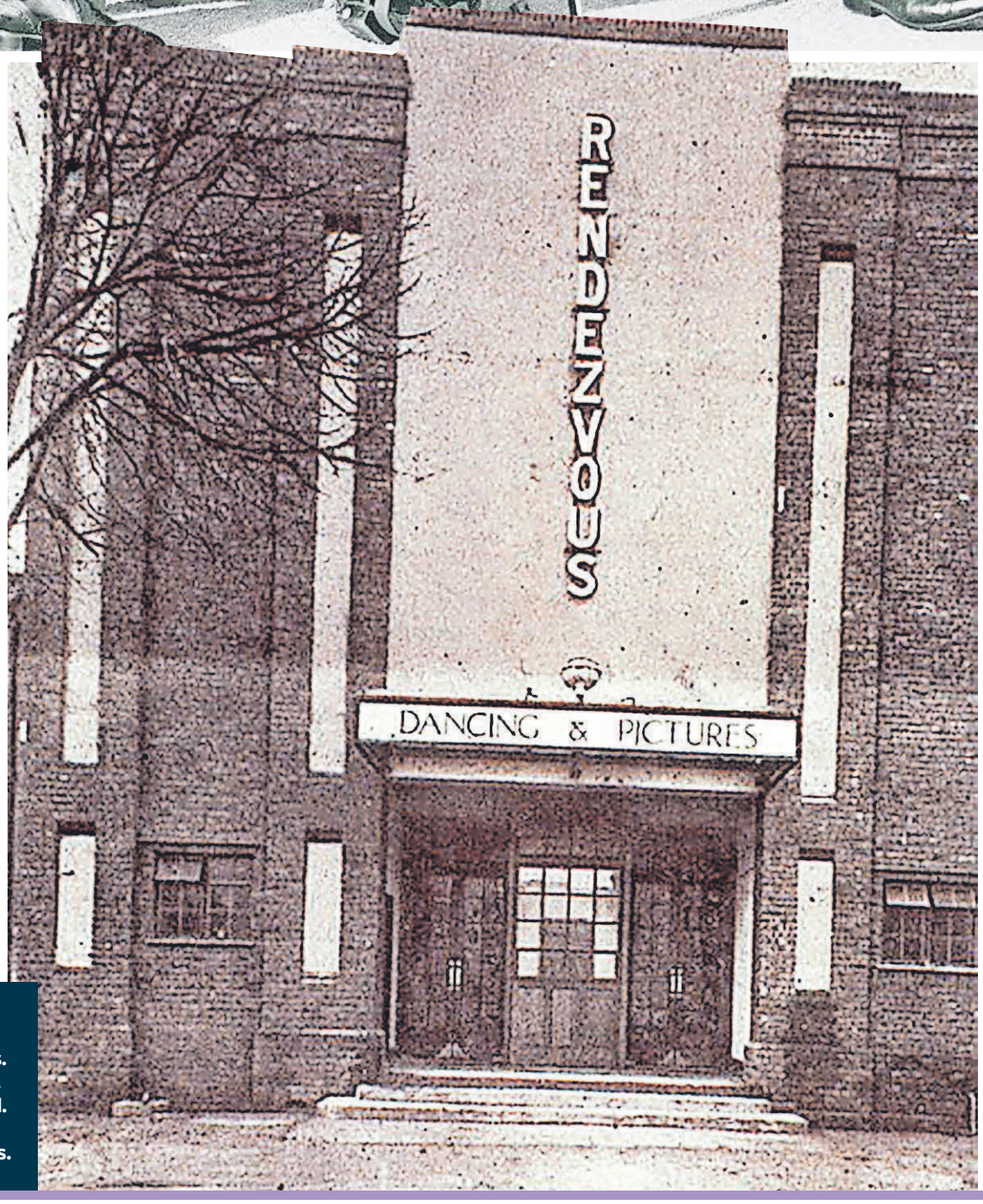
King comes down to new library – 1934

Thousands greeted the King and Queen when they made their way to the new University Library.

Washing and cooking alike were forgotten in hundreds of homes as women formed a great part of the crowds which were thickest in Trinity Street where undergraduates in cap and gown added to the number.

Of all the wonderful products of man's skill in art and labour, the library must rank of one of the most inspiring and peculiarly permanent of our national institutions and, with clouds scudding over its lofty tower, this unique building occupied the centre of a delightful scene.

An exceptionally good film of the visit, taken by Gaumont especially for the Victoria Cinema, will be shown next week.



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